Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Hunting with Dogs Committee

Country Springs Hotel Stevens Point, Wisconsin Friday, June 23, 2006

Chairman David Puhl called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Chairman David Puhl took the roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Puhl Chairman, George Bartels acting Secretary, Richard Baudhuin, Robert Hoffman, Mark Loka, David Mabie, Edward Johnson, Gary Reidy, Dennis Roehrborn, Ed Harvey chairman Conservation Congress

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bruce Hansen, Mark Ince, Brian Lebeau, Larry Nelson.

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Ken Risley, Mike Gould

DNR PERSONNEL:

Pat Quaintance, Kurt Thiede, John Hanson, Tim Weirs, Tomas Von Harceu.

Resolution 370706 assigned to committee. Re: bear dog training only in zones that bear hunting with dogs is allowed. Motion by Richard Baudhuin seconded by Dennis Roehrborn to reject the resolution. Motion passed to reject.

Resolution 690406 assigned to committee. Re: Restricting bear dog training south of Hwy 64 to state owned lands open to hunting. Motion by Dennis Roehrborn seconded by Mark Loka to reject the resolution. Game wardens stated that it would not be enforceable. Motion to reject passed.

Resolution 020406 Re: bait station amount. Motion by Dick Baudhouin seconded by George Bartels to reject and send to Bear Committee. Motion passed.

Resolution 470106 Re: left over Class "A" bear license. Motion by Dick Baudhuin seconded by Dennis Roehrborn to reject, motion passed.

Review and discussion of Board Order WM-51-04 a rule package pertaining to Chapters Nr 12, 16, and 17, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to hound dog training and trials which utilize captive wild animals. Also training hunting dogs to pursue rabbit, fox, and coyote in large acreage enclosures.

Proposed NR 17.02 [3] [b] [8] If the wording is changed to; the cage must provide adequate protection the committee will be in favor of this change for animals other than Raccoon. The committee was adamantly opposed to a ban on roll cages as they are used with raccoon.

Proposed NR 17.02 [3] [c] A motion to reject the 12 hour maximum time that coyotes may be used and return to the 16 hour time that was agreed on at the last public hearing. Motion made by Dick Baudhuin seconded by Mark Loka. Motion passed. Proposed NR 17.045 [1] [e] Motion by Dennis Roehrborn seconded by Bob Hoffman to not support this rule. Motion passed.

Proposed NR 17.45 [3] [c] [3] Motion by Dennis Roehrborn seconded by David Mabie not to support this rule. History indicates that coyotes in pens live much longer than in the wild; bobbed tail or not. Motion passed.

Proposed NR 17.045 [3] [d] Motion by Mark Loka seconded by Dennis Roiehrborn to reject the age limit. Motion passed.

Proposal NR 17.045 [3] [d] [2] A motion to grandfather all existing hound dog training enclosures Was made by Dennis Roehrborn and seconded by Dick Baudhuin. Motion passed. A motion to allow a puppy pen to be within 10 miles of any new constructed hound dog training enclosures. Motion passed.

Proposal NR 17.045 [5] [c] Discussed this proposal no action taken.

Proposal NR 17.047 [2] No comment from the committee.

Proposal NR 17.11 [2] [a] Record will be kept on the training facility and the DNR will be able to check them. This is to protect users from having their records made public.

George Bartels
Acting Secretary